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Re: Request for Emergency Relief of the Rural Independent Competitive Alliance
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CC Docket No. 96-262 /
Ex Parte Letter

Dear Ms. Salas:

The attached letter is provided for the record regarding the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to FCC Rules, two copies of the letter have been provided.

Please contact me if there are any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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- (A) provides telephone exchange and other telecommunications services to any area that does not include either
 - (1) any incorporated place of 20,000 inhabitants or more, or any part thereof, based on the most recently available population statistics of the Bureau of the Census; or
 - (2) any territory, incorporated or unincorporated, included in an urbanized area, as defined by the Bureau of Census as of August 10, 1993; or
- (B) provides telephone exchange service, including exchange access, to fewer than 50,000 access lines.

¹"Local exchange carrier" is defined in Section 3(26) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act").

²"Telephone exchange service" is defined in Section 3(47) of the Act.

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